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March 20, 2006

Honorable James H. Welsh
Commissioner of Conservation
State of Louisiana
Post Office Box 94275
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-9275

WM. TIMOTHY ALLEN, III
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Re: HEARING APPLICATION
Alternate Unit Well
JAMES RA SUG
JAMES RA SUL
JAMES RA SUM
Spider Field
DeSoto Parish, Louisiana
Our File No. 410595.0022

Dear Sir:

On behalf of ST. MARY LAND & EXPLORATION COMPANY, application is hereby made for a public hearing to receive evidence concerning the issuance of an order pertaining to the following matters relating to the James Formation, Reservoir A, in the Spider Field, DeSoto Parish, Louisiana:

1. To permit the applicant to drill, designate and utilize three (3) alternate unit wells for JAMES RA SUG, JAMES RA SUL and JAMES RA SUM, respectively, at the locations shown on the plats attached hereto, or at any legal location in such units.
2. To explicitly find that the proposed alternate unit wells are necessary to drain a portion of the James Formation, Reservoir A, in the Spider Field underlying JAMES RA SUG, JAMES RA SUL and JAMES RA SUM, which cannot be efficiently and economically drained by any existing well in such units.
3. To consider such other matters as may be appropriate and justified by the evidence presented at the hearing.

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The James Formation, Reservoir A, in the Spider Field, DeSoto Parish, Louisiana, was fully defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 92-M, effective March 11, 2003.

The Rules of Procedure of the Commissioner of Conservation pertaining to the Pre-Application Notice requirements, are not applicable to the hearing requested herein, which requires legal notice of only ten (10) days.

Pertinent data concerning the intended application will be made available for inspection at the offices of St. Mary Land & Exploration Company, 330 Marshall Street, Suite 1200, Shreveport, Louisiana 71101. Any person wishing to inspect such data should call Mr. Kevin McMaster at (318)424-0804, during normal business hours or write Mr. McMaster at the above address, in order to arrange a date and time for such inspection. A copy of any such pertinent data can be obtained at the expense of the requesting party.

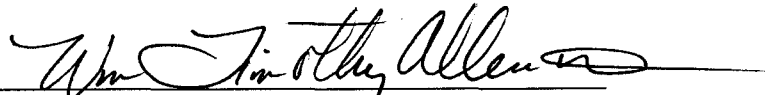
A list of the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties (as defined in the Rules of Procedure) is attached hereto, and a copy of this notice, with the annexed plats, is being sent to each of such persons. A reasonable effort has been made to determine that the enclosed list includes all of the persons to whom this notice must be sent under the Rules of Procedure.

A check in the amount of \$2,265.00 made payable to the Commissioner of Conservation is enclosed herewith as the statutory fee for holding the requested hearing.

This application is being filed in duplicate, and a copy hereof is being sent to Mr. James C. Broussard, Shreveport District Manager of the Office of Conservation and to each Interested Owner, Represented Party and Interested Party whose name is shown on the attached list.

Very truly yours,

BLANCHARD, WALKER, O'QUIN & ROBERTS

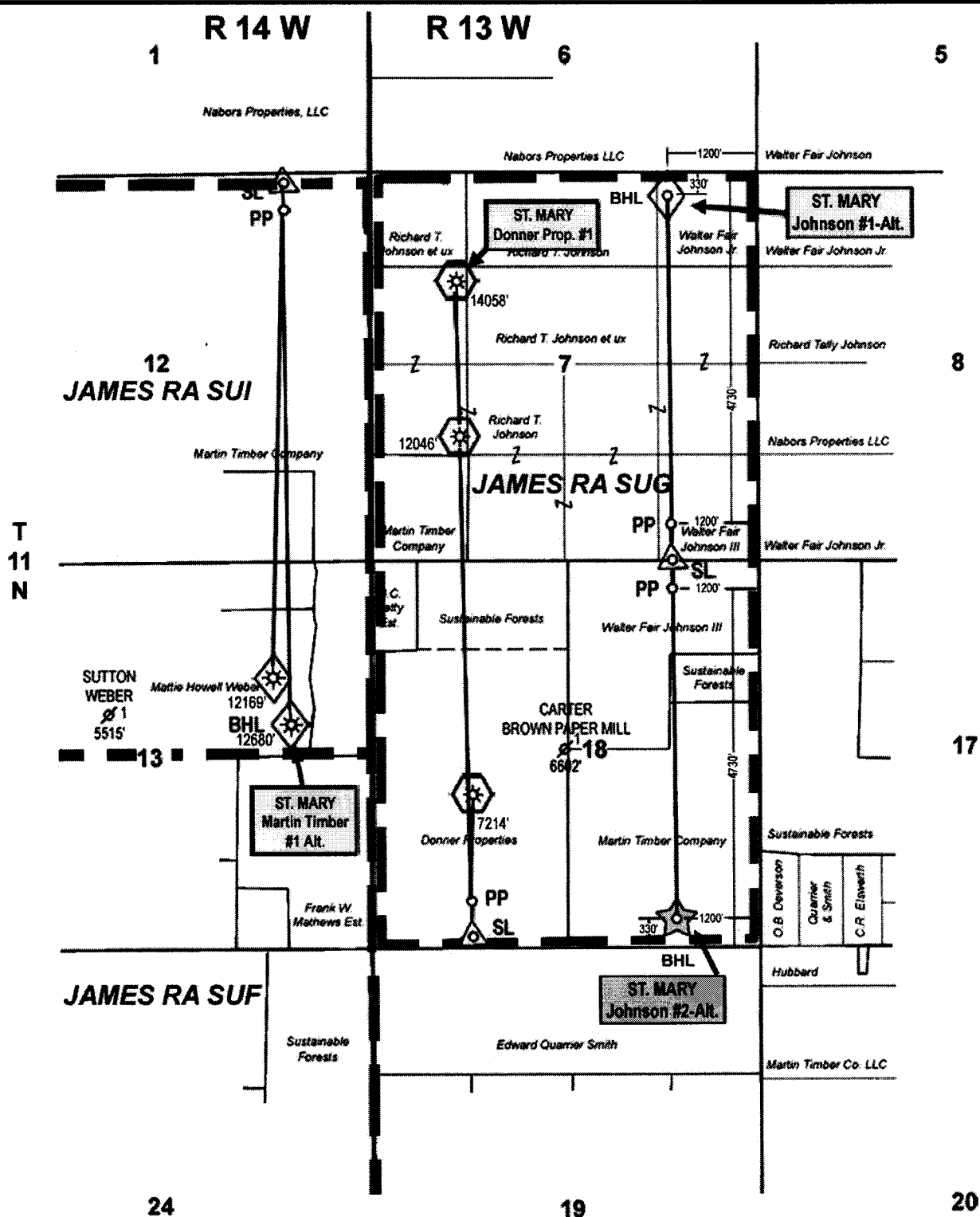
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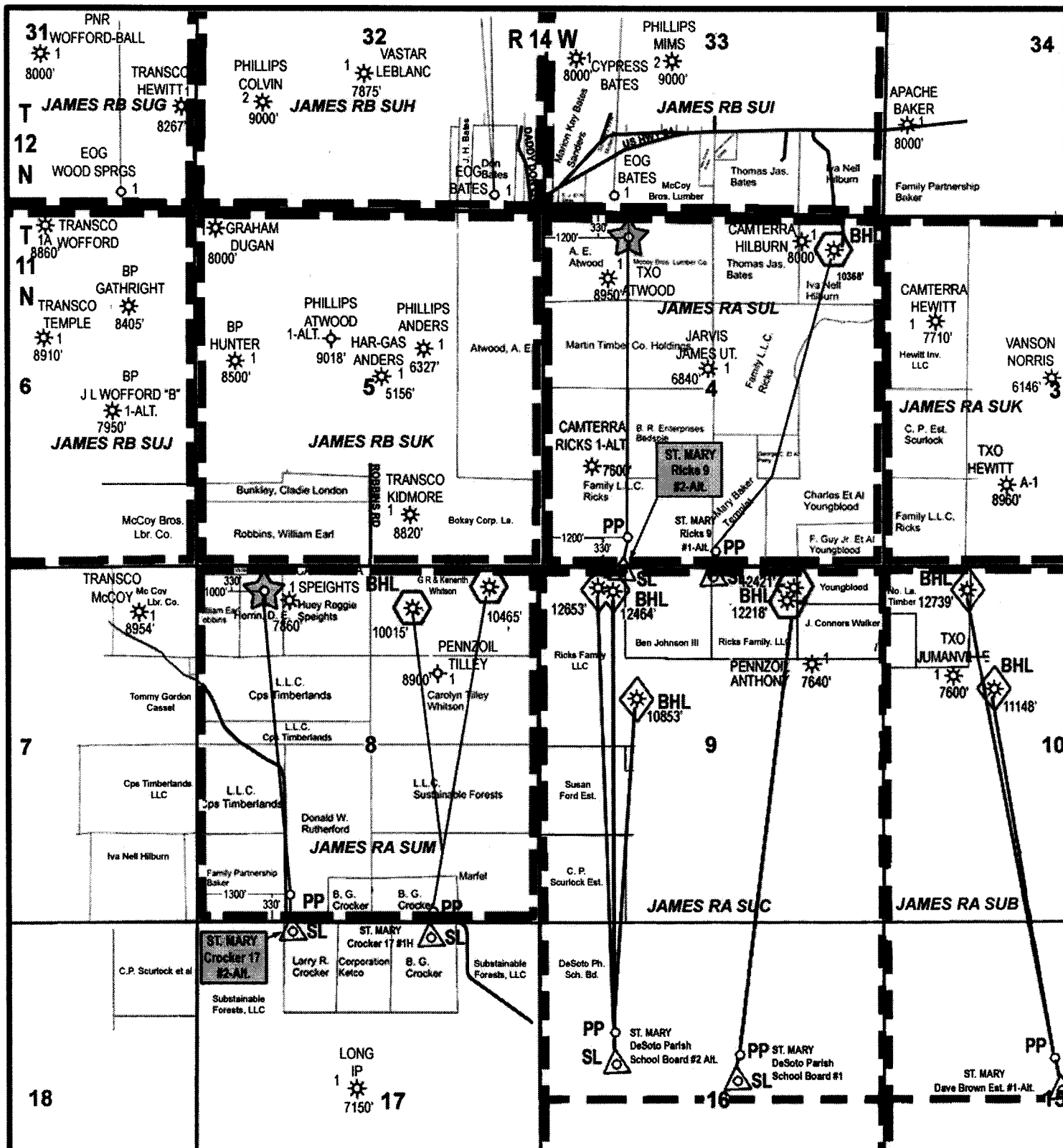
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Enclosures

cc: Mr. James C. Broussard, Shreveport District Manager,
Office of Conservation (w/enclosures)
Interested Owners, Represented Parties
and Interested Parties (w/copy of plats only)





LEGEND

- Existing James RA Units
- ◊ Existing James RA Unit Wells
- ◊ Existing James RA Alternate Unit Wells
- ★ Proposed Alternate Unit Wells James RA SUL & James RA SUM

Docket No:
Date:
Exhibit No: 1

ST. MARY LAND & EXPLORATION, CO.

SPIDER FIELD
DeSoto Parish, Louisiana

Proposed Alternate Unit Wells for James RA SUL & James RA SUM

